

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp comprising:  
an outer bulb in which a discharge vessel is arranged around a longitudinal axis,  
the discharge vessel enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space provided with an ionizable filling,  
the discharge vessel having a first and a second mutually opposed portion forming a first and a second leadthrough through which a first and a second leadthrough conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes arranged in the discharge space,  
a lamp base of electrically insulating material supporting the discharge vessel via a first current supply conductor, having a weld with the first leadthrough conductor, and a second current supply conductor electrically connected to the second leadthrough conductor forming a respective first and a second current path to the pair of electrodes,  
the lamp base also supporting the outer bulb,  
the outer bulb enclosing the first and second current supply conductors,  
the outer bulb being connected to the lamp base in a gas-tight manner,

the lamp base being provided with first and second contact members connected electrically to the respective first and second current supply conductor.

2. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 1, in which the first current path has

a 1<sup>st</sup> section extending from the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough along the longitudinal axis towards the lamp base,

a 2<sup>nd</sup> section bended away extending effectively traverse to the longitudinal axis, and

a 3<sup>rd</sup> section extending towards the first contact member.

3. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 2, in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first current path comprises two U-bends.

4. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 3 in which each U-bend is lying in a mutual different plane.

5. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 3~~or~~4 in which the two U-bends are separated by an intermediate part.

6. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim 5, in which the intermediate part is a straight part.

7. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim ~~2, 3, 4, 5 or 6~~ in which the weld of the 1<sup>st</sup> current supply conductor with the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough conductor is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the 1<sup>st</sup> current path.

8. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim ~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7~~, in which the weld of the 1<sup>st</sup> current supply conductor with the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough conductor is a butt-weld.

9. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp according to claim ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ in which the 1<sup>st</sup> section has a length of at least 1mm, preferably about 2mm.